

Coroner's Inquest Review Panel Members
VIA: Sabra Smith-Newby, Assistant County Manager

Dear Panel Member:

Based on my interactions with you as a panel over the last three Monday nights, as well as interaction with the law enforcement community, I am going to make a number of recommended changes to the Coroner's Inquest process. These changes will parallel and/or be very similar to the recommendations I made at our most recent meeting on November 1st. I am flexible in regards to the recommendation that I am making. Therefore don't take the attached information as a motion on my part, but further giving us a defined road map as we move forward on the recommended changes.

Attached to this letter will be a flow chart. The flow chart is intended to give you, as well as other individuals present for the meeting Monday, an idea of how I see this process flow from the incident itself to a final determination of criminal intent on the part of the District Attorney. Some aspects of this flow chart may not necessarily be impacted by the Coroner's inquest ordinance itself, but based on the feedback from you and the public, I think it's important from a communications piece that we continue to push out the totality of circumstances surrounding an officer's use of force that results in death.

I know we have to be careful in regards to open meeting laws and interaction; however, I am in town and of course available to each one of you if you have specific questions in regards to my recommendations. Please don't hesitate to call me on my cell, 702-812-0013, and I will return your call as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing all of you again this coming Monday night and finalize our recommendations for the Coroner's inquest process.

Sincerely,


Douglas C. Gillespie, Sheriff

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